

## HAIL CZAR'S MANIFESTO

Raising of the Peasants to  
Equality With Others

FAR REACHING IN EFFECT

Witte Man of the Hour — Scheme of  
Reform Now in Hands of Ministers'  
Committee, of Which He Is  
the Head.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—While Emperor Nicholas' manifesto on Russian reforms, coupled with the government note of warning on the same subject, leaves no doubt that it is the firm intention of the emperor to maintain unimpaired of the autocratic principle which no observer here ever imagined he would relinquish, and not yield to the zemstvos' demands for a national legislature, the programme of reforms outlined is a broad one, and if it had not been preceded by the agitation of the last few months, would probably have been accepted with universal acclaim in Russia as extremely liberal.

The raising of the peasants to an equality with other citizens of the empire is alone practically second only to the emancipation of the serfs, but hardly less important are the guarantees which the manifesto directs to be incorporated in the laws for the protection of the personal liberties of the people against the abuses of administrative arbitrariness.

The measures taken under the state of siege are no longer permissible, except in case of crimes against the state. The increased independence and scope of the domus and zemstvos, as well as the creation of smaller zemstvo units, the definite protection of the Jews, Armenians, and other unorthodox sects and the revision of the press laws are all on the line of the zemstvo demands.

The extremists, of course, are not satisfied, and many of the moderate liberals are disappointed. This government note threatening drastic measures in the event of the continuation of a vain agitation, which note the government considered necessary in order to put a stop to the existing ferment, is resented deeply by them, and it is feared will inflame rather than allay the present agitation. Harsh measures, it is understood, will, however, be avoided, and the government expects that the solid nature of the reform offered will gradually draw to its support all except the extreme radicals.

Fully as important as the government's response to the zemstvoists is the position in which M. Witte is placed by confiding the reforms to the committee of ministers of which he is president. The old finance minister becomes the man of the hour, confirming the reports that he is again in high imperial favor.

### ZEMSTVOS WARNED.

Czar Tells Them to Be More Careful  
in the Future.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The government has issued a communication in which the zemstvos are severely censured for aiding, by their action, the "introduction of discord into public and state life." In future, it says, all meetings of an anti-government character will be stopped by all legal means at the disposal of the authorities. The zemstvos are warned that they must not go beyond the limits provided for them.

### GIFT OF \$150,000.

Moscow Zemstvo Pleased With Mirsky's  
Liberalism.

Moscow, Dec. 27.—At the meeting of the Moscow zemstvo today, in the presence of a great audience, resolutions of confidence and congratulation were passed on the appointment of Prince Peter Sviatopolk-Mirsky as minister of the interior and at the prospect of closer relations and mutual confidence between the government and the people. The zemstvo then voted \$150,000 for the construction of schoolhouses to mark its satisfaction.

It is reported that Chief of Police Trofimov, who took an active part in the suppression of the recent student demonstrations, is about to resign and proceed to the front.

### WITTE IN FAVOR.

Unexpectedly Arises as the Champion of  
Autocracy.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal says that the Grand Duke Alexis is opposed to the reform constitution suggested by Prince Mirsky, the Minister of the Interior.

The Petit Parisien's St. Petersburg correspondent says that at the last moment M. Witte unexpectedly arose as the champion of autocracy, pleading the incompatibility of absolutism with popular representation in any form, and thereby restoring himself to the czar's favor.

### Headaches from Colds.

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### Daylight Robbery in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Milton Chert, proprietor of a candy store, was beaten by four white men and a negro on a South End street today and robbed of a gold watch and \$263 in bank notes.

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### HAS HER JEWELS.

Wuerst One Man Who Holds Real Chadwick Securities.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—Contrary to expectation, the inquiry in connection with the Chadwick receivership case was not resumed today. Receiver Loeser said that nothing more would be done in the matter for several days.

"We have definitely located the trunk and satchel that were taken from the Holland House in New York," said Mr. Loeser today, "and they will be brought here within a day or two. Aside from wearing apparel, there is, I understand, little of value in either trunk or the satchel."

Continuing Mr. Loeser said: "We had intended to examine today Henry Wuerst, the Elyria (O.) jeweler, who holds about \$20,000 worth of Mrs. Chadwick's jewels as security for a loan."

Wuerst has made a full statement of just what he holds, however, and expressed his willingness to surrender them whenever the loan is made good. The jewels will be appropriated later, but my impression is that they are worth no more than the sum advanced by Wuerst to Mrs. Chadwick.

ORIGINAL "GOLD BRICK" MANDEAD

Thomas O'Brien's End in Prison at Cayenne, France, Reported.

New York, Dec. 27.—A report has reached this city that Thomas O'Brien, the notorious confidence man and alleged inventor of the "gold brick" swindle, is dead in the French penal settlement at Cayenne, where he had been serving a life sentence for the murder of his partner, "Kid" Waddell, in Paris, in 1893. O'Brien's career was a remarkable one. He was born fifty-three years ago in Chicago. Many bold swindles were credited to his genius. In 1889 he jumped a bond of \$6,000 and fled to Europe, was recaptured and sentenced to ten years in prison. A remarkable plot, concocted by a woman, resulted in his escape from a hotel in Ustica, where he was in charge of a prison keeper. O'Brien caught a steamer here for Europe, reached Paris safely and remained there until he was arrested on the charge of killing Waddell, his partner.

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### Italian Editor Falls Dead.

New Haven, Dec. 27.—Giovanni Lombardi, editor of the Italian paper Il Corriere Del Connecticut, fell dead of heart disease yesterday while calling at the home of Frank Partigiani in Milford. Some years ago Partigiani, whose wife had just died, allowed Lombardi the custody of his young daughter. The child remained with Lombardi until the Milford man married again, and it was while Lombardi was pleading for the custody of the child that he was stricken.

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## IS MUCH BEHIND IT

Jerome's Activity in Dodge  
Case Surprising

MAKES DENIAL OF REPORTS

Dodge Is Now a Nervous Wreck and  
Only Presence of Jerome  
Seems to Quiet  
Him.

New York, Dec. 27.—Out of all the speculation which the arrest of Charles F. Dodge has aroused, one thing stood out clearly today. This was that Dist. Atty. Jerome was interfering in no ordinary perjury case, but that the purpose steadily back of all the persistent and costly efforts to get Dodge here had a definite and important aim—to check the career of a lawyer whose prominence in divorce suits for years past has given him prominence.

One of the greatest evils in this sort of practice lies in collusion suits or in acts such as Dodge is charged with, he being accused of having committed perjury to aid in the annulment of his wife's divorce after she had remarried.

To a friend Mr. Jerome is said to have remarked when told of criticisms of his expenditures in the Dodge case (rumored to have been \$25,000), if he achieved his purpose, he would consider the money well spent.

There are said to be two lawyers and a layman as well, against whom the district attorney is moving, but for obvious reasons no names are mentioned, and more definite information is not likely to become public until next month. Dodge is not in condition to go before the December grand jury, but it is confidently expected that he will testify before next month's jury.

"Every statement that has been printed as coming from me or from any of my assistants respecting the Dodge case is practically a 'pipe,'" Dist. Atty. Jerome said today. "A lot of stuff that has been published about the case is simply the result of a riotous imagination. The time when I can talk of the matter has not come, and until it does I shall have nothing to say."

"There is one thing that you can deny absolutely—the reports that Dodge is being liberally supplied with whiskey while in Marshal Hanson's custody. The man is a nervous wreck, as is natural after an eleven month's spree. He gets only the quantity of whiskey prescribed by his physician. To stop him off short would have killed a man in his condition."

James W. Osborne, Dodge's counsel, is as uncommunicative as Mr. Jerome. He was chosen by Dodge after the latter was brought here from Texas last week. It will be remembered that when Dodge was in custody at police headquarters on the night of his arrival, two lawyers Bartow S. Weeks, and A. H. Hummel, spent five or six hours trying to convince Mr. Jerome, and Mrs. Dodge as well, that they were Dodge's counsel, and they left headquarters only on final assurance from the prisoner that he did not desire them to act as his legal advisers.

Charles W. Morse, who married Dodge's wife, after her divorce, and whose marriage to her was declared invalid by the courts (after Dodge had sworn that he was not served with notice in the divorce proceedings), is in Europe. Mrs. Dodge is also abroad.

### EXPLOSION FATALITY.

One Dead and Several Hurt at Braddock  
Steel Plant.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—John Guy, foreman of bricklayers, was burned to death and five others seriously injured in an explosion today in furnace JB of the Edgar Thomson plant of the Carnegie Steel Company at Braddock.

Of the injured, who were all foreigners, Michael Pasniek will die. The furnace had been blown out for repairs and the men were at work relining it when gas which had accumulated ignited from the heat, causing the explosion. At the same time the flash set fire to the trestle and the watchman's slanty adjoining the furnace, but the flames were quickly extinguished. The damage to the furnace will be heavy.

### LEFT TO DIE OF COLD.

Mystery of Death of Young Woman in  
Riverside Drive.

New York, Dec. 27.—The police are investigating the mysterious death of the unknown young woman found lying in the snow in Riverside drive, yesterday, and who died without becoming conscious.

The suspicions of the police were aroused by the fact that her undershirt and hat were found nearly 100 feet from her body. The body has been viewed by a score of persons, but no one has been able to identify her.

The spot where her body was found is lone and deserted. The police suspect that the young woman, while unconscious, was left there by other persons to die of exposure.

### HOME ELECTROCUTION.

Ohio Man Stood on a Register and  
Touched Chandelier.

Lima, O., Dec. 27.—J. W. Griffin, one of the wealthiest oil operators in the city and vice-president of the Lima Trust Company, was accidentally electrocuted in his bathroom here today, by standing on a register and touching an electric light chandelier with his hands.

### PRETTY GOOD BOWLING.

Linwoods of Burlington, Barre and New  
York Rolled 2701.

The Linwood bowling team of Burlington and New York took two games from the Marble City team of Rutland at the Academy alleys Monday evening in a match game, the visitors winning the last string. The contest was brisk and exciting and a few good scores were made. The best individual score rolled was by Quigley of the Rutland team, who bowled 224, with McCarty of Burlington a close second, with 223 to his credit. Other good scores were made by Daley and Walsh of the Linwoods. The Linwood team is believed to be one of the best teams gotten together here for some time. The men who rolled were C. E. Kennedy of the Linwood and other clubs of New York, Daley, also a crick bowler of New York, Eddie Walsh, at one time a fast bicycle rider, who rode in one of the six-day races at Madison Square Garden, James J. Kennedy of the disbanded Knights of Columbus team of that city, and Andrew McCarty, also of Burlington.

The Linwoods bowled 921, 923 and 855 while their opponents rolled 794, 793 and 878.

### BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS.

Many Cases Discovered in the Town of  
Colchester.

Burlington, Dec. 28.—The bovine tuberculosis commission is operating in Colchester and have already tested 1,000 head of cattle, about five per cent of which were found diseased and were killed. The commission have tested about 19,000 head in the last two years and have killed something over 1,200 cattle suffering from the disease.

A marked decrease in the prevalence of tuberculosis is noticed in the districts tested by the board, but there are still a great many towns in the state not visited and from which calls are made daily for tests.

The board consists of V. I. Spear of Randolph, Dr. George Stevens of White River Junction and Dr. Frank A. Rich of this city. Dr. Rich's term expires soon and his successor will be appointed by the governor.

Some changes were made in the law at the last legislature, which increases the efficiency of the board and allows them more latitude in the work.

### LAWS DO NOT APPLY.

United States Statutes Not Applicable  
to Canal Zone.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—In an opinion rendered today by Frank L. Campbell, assistant attorney-general for the interior department, it is held that the laws of the United States are not applicable to the Panama canal zone. The canal zone is described in the opinion as not being organized territory of the United States, and the opinion says that there is no provision in the treaty with Panama or the laws or regulations, making the laws of the United States generally applicable.

The question at issue was whether or not the patent or trademark law extended to the canal zone. This, it is said, is not the case, the opinion taking in the whole subject of the application of the laws of the United States generally to the canal zone.

### TO DEVELOP SOAPSTONE QUARRY.

New York Parties Secure the Deavitt  
Property Near Waterbury.

Waterbury, Dec. 27.—The Deavitt soapstone quarry located near Waterbury, which has been worked only a portion of the time for the past few years, has passed into the hands of New York parties who will organize a corporation and work the quarry to the limit. After they secured an option on the property they tested the stone in various ways, finding that it was an excellent non-conductor of electricity and when ground furnished a pure white talc powder. The stone has never been used for these purposes, but has been utilized for stone ovens, pails, etc. The new company will be organized at once. The names of those interested have not yet been made public.

### JUSTIN'S LATEST POEM.

British Poet Laureate's View of War  
In Far East Entitled "Nemesis."

The Independent in a recent number publishes the following lines by Mr. Alfred Austin, the poet laureate of England, written at the Chateau D'Oex Switzerland:

NEMESIS  
SHE stung, surging, surging onward,  
wave behind, wave before,  
Human billows billions rolling to Wars'  
inexhaustible shore,  
Curse, sorrow, breaking, reforming,  
ever replenished tide,  
Wending, they know not whither or why,  
to die as their kin have died,  
From wailing andron and weeping maid  
in famishing homes afar—  
Rude, senseless, heedless, lifeless, doing  
the will of the czar.

But sloughing the raiment of graceful  
peace and winged with the scales of war,  
And grafting on thoughts and things that  
were the things and the thoughts  
that are.

An ancient people, impelled by wrath at  
smart of a triple wrong,  
Than doggedly dauntless yet dauntless  
more, than colossal strength more  
strong.

Scale peaks and passes and clamber up  
cliffs that only the thunders know  
Till the granite Muscovite peaks are whiter  
and scattered like drifting  
snow.

And the strong young scion of yet young  
sire keeps watch, but with war flag  
furled,  
And British sentinels motionless stand at  
the fortress gates of the world.

While Nemesis nears fraud pilfered port  
with narrowing knots of steel,  
And the scowling aloft skulls snowward  
more with the feet of Fate at its  
heel,  
And high in heaven reigns right divine,  
still wields the scepter and rod,  
And worships: through its Buddhist  
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### JUST SAVED HIS LIFE.

Man Badly Burned by Toy Run by Wood  
Alcohol.

Bristol, Ct., Dec. 27.—By the explosion of a Christmas toy, Albert L. Sessions, president of the John H. Sessions & Son Company, was terribly burned Saturday night. A toy locomotive be-

longing to his son, run by wood alcohol, failed to work, and Mr. Sessions undertook to remedy the trouble.

An explosion followed, and burning wood alcohol was thrown on his face, hair and clothes. He rushed to a bathroom and turned on the shower, which promptly extinguished the flames. His hair is badly burned, one eye closed and one side of his face terribly scarred.

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